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[Despatch Abstract.]

P.W.R. — B Resettlement & Ex Servicemen's
& Post war services Reconstruction
Fund — Eligibility for financial
assistance to Ex-civil pioneers covered
under "Defence Services" — Papers
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Madras Governor's Camp.
Guindy.

18th November 1949.

Dear Mr.Viswanatha Ayyar,

P.W.S.R.Fund - Financial Help to Ex-Civil Pioneers -

I am to send you a copy of a letter received from the Secretary, Military P.W.S.R.Fund, Central Provinces and Berar, No.1255/902/MPWRF/49 dated 15th November 1949. So far as this Province is concerned, no ex-civil Pioneer has applied for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. The question however arises whether ex-Civil Pioneers are eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. The term 'beneficiaries' as amended by G.O.No.Ms.4609 Devt. dated 12th September 1949 means--

(i) persons of Indian domicile including subjects of Indian States who have served in the Defence Services during the war of 1939-46 in the ranks including non-combatants but excluding Commissioned Officers, and shall include also ex-servicement refugees.

I would be grateful if you could kindly have the above question examined and circulate the file to His Excellency at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

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(P.Govinda Nair)
Honorary Secy. P.W.S.R.Fund.

To Sri P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar, ICS.,
Secretary to Govt. Devt.Dept.

/True copy/

Copy of letter No.1255/902/MPWRF/49 dated 15-11-49 from the Secretary Military Post War Services Reconstruction Fund, C.P. and Berar to the Secretary, Post War Services Reconstruction Fund, MADRAS.

Sub: Financial help to ex-Civil Pioneers from the Post War Services Reconstruction Fund.

I am directed to say that a number of applications are being received from the EX-CIVIL PIONEERS of this Province for financial help from the post war services reconstruction fund. In order to enable the Fund Committee to consider and arrive at a decision, I am to enquire whether the ex-civil Pioneers of your Province are being rendered financial assistance from the Provincial Post War Services Reconstruction Fund under your control.

/True copy/

Development (R) Department

Letter No.113447 R/49-5 dated 31st January 1950

To

The Secretary to the Govt.of India,
Ministry of Defence, New Delhi.

Sir

Sub: Civil Pioneer Force - Ex-Civil Pioneers coming under 'Defence Services' - Clarification regarding eligibility for P.W.S.R.Fund.

Ref: Govt.of India, Defence Department, Letter No.F.\(ii)-W9/46 dated 16-5-46.

The Secretary, P.W.S.R.Fund, C.P.& Berar has addressed the Secretary, P.W.S.R.Fund, Madras, stating that a number of applications are being received from the ex-Civil Pioneers of that Province for financial assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund and enquired whether the ex-civil Pioneers of this Province are being rendered financial assistance from the Madras P.W.S.R.Fund. So far as this Province is concerned, no ex-Civil Pioneer has applied for such assistance. THe question however arises whether ex-Civil Pioneers are eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. According to the existing rules for the utilisation of the fund, persons of Indian domicile including subjects of Indian States who have served in the 'Defence Services' during the war of 1939-46 in the ranks including non-combatants and ex-service men refugees from Pakistan are eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. As the service in Cilil Pioneer Force involved subjection to Military Law it has been considered as 'War Service' and as such the ex-Civil Pioneers seem to come under'Defence Service' and be eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. In this connection attention is also invited to Mr.M.K.Kutty's letter No.4734-O/I.D.6 dated 16-9-48 in which it was stated that the personnel of the Civil Pioneer Force Units are not eligible for the benefits from the P.W.S.R. Fund. As the question however is not free from doubt I am directed to request that the position may be clarified. An early reply in the matter is solicited.

C.P.GOPALA NAIR

Secretary to Government.

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Development Department

SUMMARISING NOTE.

The Secretary, P.W.S.R.Fund. C.P.& Berar has addressed the Secretary, P.W.S.R.Fund, Madras, stating that a number of applications are being received from the Ex-Civil Pioneers of that Province for financial assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. He has enquired therefore whether the ex-Civil Pioneers of this Province are being rendered financial assistance from the Madras P.W.S.R.Fund. The Hony. Secy., of the Madras P.W.SR.Fund states that so far, no ex-Civil Pioneer has applied for assistance and he requests, therefore, that the question of eligibility of ex-Civil Pioneers for assistance from the fund may be examined and the file circulated to His Excellency.

2. According to the scheme for the administration of the W.S.R. Fund, as approved in ~~G.O.Ms.No.~~G.O.Ms.No.1770, Puo.(resett) dated 14-8-46 and as amended in G.O.Ms.No.4609 Devt. dated 12-9-49, persons of Indian Domicile including subjest of Indian States who have served in the Defence Services during the War of 1939-46 in the ranks including non-combatants but excluding commissioned officers and including the ex-service men refugees from Pakistan are eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. As there was no information in this department on the question whether the ex.cilvil Pioneers would come under the above mentioned category, the Pub.(Ser) and the P.W. Depts. were consulted in the matter.

3. The P.W.Dept. state that the Civil Pioneers Force was constituted in the Province by an ordinance issued by the H.E. the Governor-General in 1942. They have also pointed out that service rendered in the Civil Pioneer Force has been declared as 'WAr-Service. The question therefore, arises whether with reference to the nature of the duties of the Civil Pioneer Force, the ex-civil pioneers can be deemed to come under 'Defence Service' and made eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund. The Public (Ser) Dept. state that they have no information on this point.

4. In the circumstances stated above, it is observed that the matter is not free from doubt. It seems therefore that it would be better to address the Govt.of India in the Ministry of Defence for a clear ruling on the point. For orders.

C.P.G./3-1-50

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'K' H.M.(P.H.) Yes. The Government of India, (Defence) may ~~note~~ be addressed for clarification.

H.E.

G.S. H.E.agrees. It is presumed Devt.Deptt. will address the Govt.of India. The file may kindly be circulated again after a reply is received.

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Devt.Dept. UO.

Orders on p vante above. A draft letter to the Govt. of India (Ministry of Defence) is submitted for approval.

C.P.G./31-1-50.

Issued as letter no.113447 R/49-5 dated 31-1-50.

From the Govt.of India, Ministry of Defence, letter No.40797/AG/PS-5 1869~~dated~~ 6(a) dated 6-3-50.

The summarising note from page vante may be perused. With reference to orders on page vante, the Govt.of India, Ministry of Defence have been addressed in the letter at pp 7-8 C.F. The Govt.of India's reply since received is submitted at p. 9 c.f. They state that the personnel of the Civil Pioneer Force Units are not eligible for assistance from the P.W.S.R.Fund.

The file may now be circulated to H.M.(H) and H.E.

C.P.G./17-3-50.

H.M.(P.H.)

H.E.

G.S. H.E. has seen, thanks and a reply has been sent accordingly to the letter on p. c.f.

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To A.S. Dev.Dept.

Please see the orders in circulation at the bottom of p above. The papers may now be recorded.

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G.O.Ms.No.1269 Dev. dt.28-3-50

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